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1. AT A SMALL DIPLOMATIC DINNER OVER THE LOCAL WEEKEND

(FEB 13-14) WAHEED ABDULLAH DESCRIBED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UK, POLAND, IRAN AND THE U.S. HIS PERSONAL DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE FIRST STAGE OF WHAT HE CALLED THE "THREE STAGE APPROACH TO PAKISTAN/AFGHANISTAN DETENTE" HAD BEEN CALLED OFF BY BOTH SIDES (SEE REFTEL).

2. ACCORDING TO ABDULLAH, THE FIRST STAGE WAS TO HAVE BEEN SECRET TALKS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND AGA SHAHI (OF WHOM ABDULLAH SPEAKS VERY HIGHLY), FOLLOWED BY THE "SECOND STAGE" INVOLVING AZIZ AHMED AND MOHAMMEDNAIM. THE THIRD SERIES OF TALKS, PRESUMING SATISFACTORY RESULTS IN THE FIRST TWO STAGES WOULD HAVE INVOLVED PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AND PRESIDENT DAOQD.

3. ABDULLAH DID NOT MENTION THE IDEA OF COOPERATION OVER EXPLOITATION OF THE HAJIGAK IRON DEPOSITS MENTIONED REFTEL. HE
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DID STRESS PRESIDENT DAOUD'S HOPE THAT A WAY COULD BE FOUND TO

COOPERATE TO IMPROVE LIFE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER.

4. ABDULLAH TOLD THE GROUP HE HOPED "THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN (GOP) WOULD SOON COME TO THEIR SENSES" SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE RESUMED.

5. COMMENT: I HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT A GREAT DEAL OF WHAT MR ABDULLAH HAD T SAY WAS AIMED AT IRAN AMBASSADOR DAVOUDI WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN TRYING TO PROMOTE CONTACTS BETWEEN KABUL AND ISLAMABAD.

IN HIS PRIVATE TALK WITH ME ON FEBRUARY 13, ABDULLAH GAVE NO INDICATION THERE WAS ANY POSSIBILITY OF BILATERAL TALKS IN THE NEAR FUTURE CONSIDERING GOP "PERSECUTION" OF THE NAP.
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